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Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT(S): Avner Shafrir *et al.* CONFIRMATION No.: 2748  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/580,904 EXAMINER: Tadesse Hailu  
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FOR: VISUAL INDICATOR OF NETWORK USER STATUS BASED ON USER INDICATOR

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

Sir:

I, Houri Avshalom, hereby declare and state:

THAT I am named as a co-inventor of the invention described by claims 1-33 of the above-identified patent application, along with the other co-inventors Avner Shafrir, Jacob Rimer, Haim Schneider, Michael Dempsey, Paul Haverstock, and Mary Elizabeth Raven ;

THAT I have been employed by International Business Machines Corporation since 1997, where I hold a position as ARCHITECT ;

THAT I have read the above-identified patent application as filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 31, 2000 which was assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/580,904 and claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/137,513, which was filed on June 2, 1999;

THAT the invention was conceived and reduced to practice in the United States, a NAFTA country, or a WTO member country;

THAT, prior to May 2, 1999, we conceived the invention disclosed in the above-identified patent application; and

THAT we worked diligently from at least just prior to May 2, 1999 to June 2, 1999 to reduce the invention to practice.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.

Date: 04/26/2005

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Houri Avshalom